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In re the Application of:

Fausto Casaro

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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING VACUUM PUMP ROTORS, AND

ROTORS OBTAINED THEREBY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merit, please amend the referenced application as follows: